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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH: INFORMATION FOR ANNUAL IBRD/IMF MEETING

REF: (A) DACCA 4172; (B) STATE 165594

1. IN AUGUST 26 PRE-DEPARTURE AIRPORT STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN, FINANCE MINISTER A.R. MALLICK ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION WHILE IN WASHINGTON FOR THE SUBJECT MEETING TO DISCUSS "BILATERAL AID MATTERS" WITH THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THE AID ADMINISTRATOR, AND THE IBRD PRESIDENT AND IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR.

2. FINANCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS COULD NOT ADD TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, BUT WE DO NOT DOUBT THEIR ACCURACY EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE IN CONFLICT WITH WHAT FINANCE MINISTRY HAD TOLD US EARLIER.

3. WE ASSUME MAJOR PURPOSE OF MALLICK'S CALLS WILL BE TO REASSURE DONORS THAT NEW GOVERNMENT REMAINS WORTHY OF CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, AND COMMITTED TO THOSE POLICIES AGREED UPON WITH IMF WHICH WERE APPLAUDED BY DONORS AT JUNE MEETING OF BANGLADESH AID GROUP IN PARIS. MALLICK MAY ALSO SEEK MORE RAPID RATE OF COMMITMENT BY DONORS OF AID PLEDGED AT PARIS MEETING. (BDG OFFICIALS HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED TO IBRD OFFICERS HERE THEIR DISAPPOINT-
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MENT AT PACE OF ACTUAL COMMITMENTS TO DATE.) AS CURRENT PL-480

TITLE I AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE WELL ADVANCED, WE EXPECT
FINANCE MINISTER WILL WISH MEET SECRETARY BUTZ LARGELY TO THANK
HIM FOR PAST FOOD ASSISTANCE AND EXPRESS HOPE THIS WILL CONTINUE
IN FY '76 AT LEVEL PLEDGED MRT PARIS. HOWEVER, GIVEN FINANCE
MINISTRY'S CONCERN OVER CURRENCY USE PAYMENT PROVISIONS OF PRO-
POSED FY '76 AGREEMENT, FINANCE MINISTER MIGHT ALSO RAISE THIS
MATTER.

4. FINANCE SECRETARY KAFILUDDIN MOHMOD WILL NOT RPT NO BE
MEMBER OF DELEGATION DUE TO PRESS OF WORK IN DACCA.
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